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TOPIC Information on KVP Units in the Karpin-Eggesin Area

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1. In early September, [REDACTED] KVP units leaving the installations at Karpin. Involved were allegedly three regiments which were sent to Berlin. Between 2 and 8 October, these units returned to their posts. On 14 October, a new KVP unit equipped with 18 to 20 model M-3 6-wheeled armored personnel carriers arrived in the area and was quartered at Installation VIII. No details on the new unit were available. 1 25X1
2. During the time of observation, the permanent buildings of the former RAD Camp at the southern exit of Eggesin quartered a division headquarters whose commanding officer was Colonel Siegfried Weiss; Major Franke (fnu), who remained in Eggesin when the division was employed in Berlin, and Captain Baer (fnu), who wore blue service color, were also assigned to this headquarters. Senior Lieutenant Wegener (fnu), who was on detached service with the SSD, had attended a school in the USSR.
3. [REDACTED] about 35 JS tanks and at least 100 T 34/85 tanks on a parking lot south of the billeting area of Installation VIII at Karpin. 25X1
4. The so-called C Park opposite Installation VIII, on the other side of the Karpin-Eggesin road was heavily guarded. Weapons to be used in the event of mobilization were allegedly stored there. Ten canvas-covered tanks, 10 to 15 model BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 AT guns, 4 or 5 trucks, 2 sedans and 2 or 3 field kitchens were observed in this area. [REDACTED] further weapons were stored there. 25X1
5. On 11 October, [REDACTED] the unit had returned from East Berlin. The S-6 Kommando was now stationed in Karpin. A special detail of about 100 men of this unit had been charged with guard missions at the Central Police Headquarters on Alexanderplatz in Berlin. The S-6 Kommando was equipped with a total of 54 mortars, i.e. 18 mortars for each battalion which consisted of 3 batteries each. Each battery, which was composed of a headquarters platoon and 2 gun platoons numbered 56 men. The authorized officers' strength for each battalion was 22 officers. The Kommando was equipped with 63 cross-country motor vehicles, 7 for each battery.

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6. About 2 p.m. on 9 October, a train with about 1,000 KVPs arrived at Eggesin railroad station; another troop train with about 500 men arrived two hours later. These soldiers who carried field equipment and were armed with carbines subsequently marched to the barracks installation in the wooded area nearby. Only few tents had remained at the tent camp. The sheets of the dismantled tents were being folded up and all metal tent accessories were being greased before they were trucked away. The afternoon of 16 October, a convoy of 15 sedans occupied by high ranking Soviet officers including allegedly several generals, were seen proceeding to the barracks installation in the wooded area. [redacted] the officers inspected the billets constructed there. Grotewuhl allegedly also participated in this inspection. About 4 p.m., the convoy of sedans was seen proceeding toward the Bereitschaftslager. 1

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7. From 8 to 10 a.m. on 12 October, firing with live ammunition was practiced by 57-mm AT guns in Jagen (forest district) Nos 205 through 210. A total of 10 guns was allegedly involved in these exercises. About 10:30 a.m. on 14 October, about 25 canvas-covered 6-wheeled armored personnel carriers were seen proceeding from the direction of the Eggesin railroad station toward the wooded area nearby. The drivers were fatigued. From 3 to 4 p.m. on the same day, four T 34/85 tanks conducted driving school in Jagen Nos 210 and 235. The tanks also fired with practice ammunition.

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8. [redacted]

9. In mid-October, the Bereitschaftslager near Eggesin quartered an estimated 1,200 KVPs and 200 officers. About 40 Soviet officers were also billeted at the camp. [redacted] the food issued there had greatly improved recently.

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1. Comment. The temporary employment of the unit involved and their return to Berlin is confirmed. So far, KVP units had not been equipped with model M-3 armored personnel carriers. It is believed that these vehicles recently arrived from the USSR.

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